

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FLASH INCIDENT REPORT

EVENT NAME: Mudslide, Kern and Los Angeles Counties
(This report may contain unconfirmed information)

DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 10/15/2015 at 1823 hours

DATE/TIME OF EVENT: 10/15/2015 at 1506 hours

LOCATION: Interstate 5 at Fort Tejon

IMPACT OF EVENT: MODERATE

SITUATION:

On October 15, 2015, at 1620 hours the California State Warning Center (CSWC) was advised by CHP of a road closure on Interstate 5 at Fort Tejon. The closure went into effect at approximately 1506 hours.

- The California Highway Patrol (CHP) closed all northbound lanes of Interstate 5 through the Grapevine portion after a flash flood caused a mudslide. Northbound traffic is stopped at Fort Tejon. Southbound traffic on I-5 is bumper to bumper.
- CHP reported several hundred cars were abandoned in the area. Numerous vehicles were stuck, and first responders were having trouble reaching them because of the mud. Four-wheel-drive vehicles and dirt bikes were called in to rescue those who were trapped.
- Northbound traffic closed at Frazier Mountain Park and Southbound traffic closed at Grapevine road.

At 1723 hours the Cal OES Inland Region Duty Officer provided the following information:

- Kern County OES, Georgianna Armstrong, advises there are approximately 100 stranded vehicles on the Kern County side of the mud slide on I-5.
- American Red Cross & Health and Human Services are working to develop a shelter plan for this event as there are no facilities anywhere in the area.
- Kern has localized flooding in the Lamont area as well with people trapped in vehicles near Caliente Creek.
- The EOC is activated at level 1 with OES staff to support and coordinate shelter and rescue issues, no state assistance is requested at this time.

At 1805 hours the Cal OES Southern Duty Officer advised that she was on a conference call with the Los Angeles County Operational Area.

At the 1815 hours the Cal OES Law Duty Officer advised:

- Per CHP ENTAC at 1628 hours they estimated 300 vehicles stuck on I5 but no estimate on number of persons.
- Per Kern County SO, they are assisting CHP on the Grapevine. Kern County SO have two reports of subjects stuck in cars, one in Lamont and one near Hwy58 and Randsburg.
- Kern County SO is not asking for any assistance.

Cal OES Duty Officers are gathering information and providing updates as they become available.

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This report will be updated as information becomes available.

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